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SUBJECT: MAQARIN WATER RIGHTS STUDY

1 AS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PRIME MINISTER BADRAN ON US STUDY OF WATER RIGHTS QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH MAQARIN DAM. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT US HAD RETAINED DISTINGUISHED HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW PROFESSOR TO DO IN-HOUSE STUDY OF THE QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF A US POSITION. STUDY WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON US DETERMINATION TO FUND FOLLOW-ON WORK ON DAM PROJECT AND POSITION US WOULD TAKE ON QUESTION OF WATER RIGHTS AND DIVISION OF WATER.

2. AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR THAT STUDY WAS AN "IN-HOUSE" US EFFORT. HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR WOULD WANT TO COME TO JORDAN FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 15 TO DISCUSS WITH JORDANIAN EXPERTS, JORDAN'S VIEWS ON WATER RIGHTS ISSUE AND ALSO TO VISIT SITE OF DAM AND OTHER RELEVANT AREAS. AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR THAT EXPERT WAS NOT A NEGOTIATOR AND WOULD NOT BE GOING TO ISRAEL. IF ISRAELIS HAD VIEWS TO PRESENT, AS AGREED DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH STATE/AID IN WASHINGTON, EXPERT
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WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR THEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. BADRAN SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH
JORDANIANS MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT THAN HE AND
PROMISED AMBASSADOR AN EARLY ANSWER TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST
FOR JORDANIAN AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE STUDY.
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